

**Central United Methodist Church
of Colorado Springs**

“A Place to Begin...Belong...Become”

**THE CENTRAL FAMILY OF FAITH
GATHERED IN PRAISE AND CELEBRATION**

Sunday, September 11, 2022, 10:00 am

Parables of Jesus

The Lost Sheep & The Lost Coin

Luke 15:1-10



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Central United Methodist Church

PRELUDE

“Prelude in Classic Style” G. Young

Kim Crom

WELCOME

Rev. Debra Wacker

*CALL TO WORSHIP (inspired by Luke 15:1-10)

Matt Schipfer

Leader: God calls to the lost, the least, and all who long for home;

People: **God calls when we wander from the path chosen for us and waste the gifts we have been given.**

Leader: God calls and welcomes us back to worship this day;

People: **let us celebrate and rejoice in God’s presence forever;**

Leader: let us worship God together, as we join our voices in our opening prayer.

COMMUNITY PRAYER

All: **Lord, we would follow you wherever you might lead.**

Lord, we would follow you.

Forgive us when we stumble and when we stray.

Forgive us when, distracted we lose our way.

Be the one to whom we turn, whose hand we hold,

the Shepherd who leads us safely to the fold.

Lord, we would follow you wherever you might lead. Amen.

BLESSING OF THE QUILTS

Rev. Deb

*HYMN

“My Hope is Built”

UMH, #368

CHURCH OPPORTUNITIES

Matt Schipfer

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Sara Murdaugh

*PRAYER HYMN

“Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”

UMH #348

OUR PRAYERS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Deb

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory “El Shaddai/O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus” arr. C. Tornquist Kim Crom

*Doxology “Alleluia” UMH, #186

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

*Offertory Prayer/Prayer of Thanksgiving Rev. Deb

SCRIPTURE Luke 15:1-10 (NRSV) The Parable of the Lost Sheep Reader: Matt Schipfer

Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, ‘This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.’

So he told them this parable: ‘Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, “Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.” Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance.

The Parable of the Lost Coin

‘Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, “Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.” Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.’

MEDITATION “Having Words with Jesus – Finding the Lost” Rev. Deb

*HYMN “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus” TFWS#2129

*BENEDICTION Rev. Deb

POSTLUDE “Excerpt from Suite No. 5” H. Purcell Kim Crom

(Please remain seated until the music has stopped. The service is still being streamed live on zoom.)

*Standing for those who are able

WELCOME TO CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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WELCOME TO OUR FAMILY OF FAITH – A warm greeting is extended to all who are visiting with us today. We are delighted that you chose to worship with us this morning. It is our prayer that this service will be a source of comfort and inspiration to you. If we can be of assistance, please don’t hesitate to let us know.

Ministers	All the members of the congregation
Senior Pastor	Debra Wacker
Pastor Emeritus	Judy Owsley
Quiet Disciple	Karen Hobson
Office Manager	Marie Nieto
Bookkeeper	Cheryl James
Bell Choir Director	Priscilla Tracy
Chancel Choir/Praise Band Director	Jon Ainsworth
Nursery Caregivers	Chelsea Bosick & Lani Bosick
Sensory Room	Melissa James
Facility Manager	John Cox
Worship Production Team	Rod Rockwell & John Cox
Accompanists	Jo Jackson & Kim Crom



WE ARE LOYAL TO OUR CHURCH BY OUR

PRAYERS: Billie Owings, the people of Ukraine, our "WAVES," our community and our nation, first responders, the military, medical service providers, leaders of government and churches.

Serving in mission: Kutela Katembo, Missionary in Angola, Africa

PRESENCE: Worship 73, Fellowship Hall 6, Nursery 2, Online 9, **Total: 90**

GIFTS:	Sept 4	Aug 28	Aug 21	Aug 14	Aug 7
	\$7,300.00	\$3,170.00	\$2,731.00	\$3,326.71	\$6,572.00

SERVICE: Thank you To the Youth Workers for gearing up for the season.

CHURCH OPPORTUNITIES

SEPTEMBER MISSION FOCUS: BUMP! A Native American Ministry What is BUMP?? It's the acronym for the "Blackfeet United Methodist Parish" in Browning, Montana. The Blackfeet United Methodist Parish (BUMP) serves the people who live on the Blackfeet Indian Reservation located just east of Glacier National Park in the state of Montana. Let's see what Central can do to help give a "jump" to BUMP! You are invited to donate by check made payable to CUMC and designated "BUMP."

ALL-CHURCH DISCUSSION: Pastor Deb will be hosting an All Church Discussion starting September 15th@ the Church on Thursdays @ 6:30-7:20 PM.

HYGIENE ITEMS NEEDED: Mercy's Gate is requesting donations of toiletries, feminine hygiene items, diapers and wipes.

WALK. RUN, OR WRITE! Three ways you can choose to support Family Promise/IHN: There will be a 5K Run or a walk of any length on Saturday, September 17th, downtown near Memorial Park. [Register online at Family Promise COS. Org] OR you may write a check to CUMC designated FP/IHN. IHN needs our support, so please choose to help!

WHERE DO YOU LIVE? Please take a minute to put a flag on the map of Colorado Springs this morning. Pick up one of the numbered flags; print your name on the list next to that number. Then, locate your address on the map, and pin the flag!

MENTAL HEALTH: Please take a moment and look at the bulletin board, near the main entrance, and see several opportunities to take part of Mental Health conversations during the month of September.

*HYMN

"My Hope is Built"

UMH, #368

1. My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.
2. When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.
3. His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.
4. When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found!
Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne!

Refrain

*On Christ the solid rock I stand,
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.*

*PRAYER HYMN

"Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"

UMH #348

1. Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me;
see, on the portals he's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.
2. Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies, mercies for you and for me?
3. Time is now fleeting, the moments are passing, passing from you and from me;
shadows are gathering, deathbeds are coming, coming for you and for me.
4. O for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me.

Refrain

*Come home, come home; you who are weary, come home;
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, O sinner, come home!*

*HYMN

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

TFWS#2129

1. I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus no turning back, no turning back.
2. The world behind me, the cross before me, the world behind me, the cross before me,
the world behind me, the cross before me no turning back, no turning back.
3. Though none go with me, still I will follow, though none go with me, still I will follow,
though none go with me, still I will follow no turning back, no turning back.